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1. TO DATE THE EMBASSY HAS HAD NO ESTIMATE OF THE TIMING OF THE RELEASE OF 3 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FY-1975 FOR PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED UNDER THE U.S. SPANISH AGREEMENT OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION. A TRANSFER OF SAID FUNDS FROM AID TO CU OF THE DEPARTMENT IS THE PROCEDURE THAT USUALLY MUST OCCUR BEFORE ACTIATION OR CONTINUATION OF PROJECTS.

2. I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT WE HAVE NO ASSURANCE OF FUNDS YET EVEN THOUGH APPROVED FY-1975 PROJECTS UNDER THE EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL PORTION OF THE AGREEMENT ARE DUE TO COMMENCE AS SOON AS APRIL/MAY 1975 AND REPLENISHMENTS WILL BE DUE FOR APPROVED SCIENCE PROGRAMS IN MAY AND JUNE 1975. WE ARE AWAITING THE DEPARTMENT'S FORMAL CONCURRENCE IN THE PROGRAMS AS SUBMITTED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS IN NOTE VERBALE 507 DATED OCTOBER 7, 1974 AND NOTE VERBALE 511 DATED OCTOBER 10, 1974. (EMBASSY TELEGRAM 7747.)

3. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THIS CONCURRENCE ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S LATEST ASSESSMENT OF TIMING OF RELEASE OF FUNDS.

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4. I DEEM THE EARLY AVAILABILITY OF THESE FUNDS TO BE IMPORTANT

IN MAINTAINING A PROPER CLIMATE FOR PRESENT NEGOTIATIONS.
IT IS BASIC THAT WE MUST BE ABLE TO FUND OUR COMMITMENTS UNDER
OUR PREVIOUS AGREEMENT IN A TIMELY FASHION AT A TIME WHEN WE
ARE NEGOTIATING A NEW AGREEMENT.
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